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TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP - MEETING WITH AMB ASHARI

1. AMB ASHARI CALLED AT OUR REQUEST ON DAS OAKLEY
APRIL 13 FOR DISCUSSION SCHEDULING AND ANTICIPATED SUB-
STANCE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO JAKARTA. ASHARI GAVE
OAKLEY COPIES OF DRAFT SCHEDULE AS WORKED OUT BETWEEN
FONOFF AND EMBASSY (JAKARTA 4606) AND PAPER ENTITLED
"NOTE OF INDONESIAN EMBASSY ON VARIOUS MATTERS", TEXT
OF WHICH FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

2. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION, OAKLEY ADVISED ASHARI THAT
THERE EXISTS POSSIBILITY DATES OF VISIT MIGHT REQUIRE
ADJUSTMENT, BUT THAT FIRM INFORMATION WAS NOT CURRENTLY
AVAILABLE. ELEMENTS OF SCHEDULE APPEARED FULLY AGREEABLE
EXCEPT THAT DEPT HAD NOW BEEN ADVISED (JAKARTA 4721) THAT
VISIT BY MRS. MONDALE TO TAMAN MINI ESSENTIAL.

3. REGARDING POINTS IN INDONESIAN EMBASSY MEMO, DAS
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OAKLEY INDICATED SUBJECTS VERY MUCH AKIN TO TOPICS USG
EXPECTED BOTH SIDES WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS. OAKLEY GAVE
AS PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE THAT, WHILE VICE PRESIDENT WILL
CERTAINLY BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALL TOPICS, A POSITIVE
RESPONSE TO CERTAIN SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR USG ACTION
SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED. OAKLEY SPECIFICALLY NOTED THAT
REQUEST FOR FIRM MULTI-YEAR FMS CREDIT COMMITMENT

(PARA 10) NOT POSSIBLE FOR USG WITH REGARD ANY COUNTRY, THAT STATUS OF INDEPENDENT AND REGULATORY AGENCIES WITHIN USG PRECLUDES EXECUTIVE BRANCH BEING ABLE ASSURE ACTION SPECIFIC DATES (PARAS 9A AND 9B), THAT PROSPECTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IN NEAR FUTURE ON GSP (PARA 9D) MINIMAL, AND STABEX (PARA 9E) NOT POSSIBLE.

4. REGARDING INDONESIAN DESIRE FOR OFFICIAL USG STATEMENT ON EAST TIMOR (PARA 8), OAKLEY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SUCH STATEMENT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE SINCE IT WOULD MEAN A CHANGE IN THE CAREFULLY FORMULATED USG POSITION WHICH WE HAVE TAKEN PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO ACTIONS IN EAST TIMOR TO WARRANT SUCH A CHANGE. GIVEN HEIGHTENED SENSITIVITIES IN CONGRESS ON USE OF USG-SUPPLIED MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN AREAS SOME OBSERVERS CONSIDER SIMILAR, (E.G. SPANISH SAHARA) AND CONTINUED GOI MILITARY ACTIONS IN EAST TIMOR, THERE IS NO REASON TO EXPECT CHANGE IN USG POSITION. OAKLEY THEN REMINDED ASHARI OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSION ON OPENING UP EAST TIMOR FOR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, SUGGESTING THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN TERRITORY MIGHT INFLUENCE FAVORABLY USG POSITION. CHRISTOPHER

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